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SUBJECT: GOJ RESPONSE TO REPRESENTATION CONCERNING MISSION
STAFF SECURITY

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1. REFTEL PROVIDED TEXT OF NOTE DELIVERED TO FOREIGN
MINISTRY EVENING SEPTEMBER 16 WHICH ADVISED THE GOJ THAT
WE HOLD IT RESPONSIBLE FOR SECURITY OF ALL STAFF IN WAKE AGEE
ALLEGATIONS. FOREIGN MINISTRY PERMSEC FRANCIS ADVISED US
AT ABOUT 2030 HOURS THAT HE PERSONALLY DISCUSSED MATTER WITH
P.. MANLEY WHO STATED FOLLOWING:

A. HE (MANLEY) HAD LEARNED OF AGEE'S SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS
ONLY SHORTLY BEFORE FRANCIS CALLED.

B. HE HAD ALREADY PASSED THE WORD TO ALL MEDIA THAT NO
NAMES UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES WERE TO BE PUBLISHED.

C. HE HAD INSTRUCTED SECURITY AUTHORITIES TO GET IN TOUCH
WITH AMBASSADOR IMMEDIATELY TO ARRANGE APPROPRIATE PROTECTION
FOR ALL CONCERNED.

2. A MIDDLE-RANKING OFFICER OF THE JAMAICAN CONSTABULARY
FORCES DID CALL AMBASSADOR AT ABOUT 2200 HOURS BUT
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WAS ADVISED THAT SUFFICIENT PRECAUTIONS HAD BEEN

TAKEN BY US FOR THE TIME BEING. IT WAS AGREED EMBASSY
AND SECURITY AUTHORITIES WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH TODAY.

3. COMMENT: WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT MANLEY BECAME AWARE
OF AGEE'S SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS ONLY YESTERDAY EVENING.
IF THIS WERE THE CASE, NEWS COVERAGE IN THE
LATE AFTERNOON OF THE AGEE PRESS CONFERENCE MOST CERTAINLY
WOULD HAVE INCLUDED THE NAMES LISTED BY AGEE. IN ANY
EVENT, THE LISTS OF NAMES THAT AGEE HANDED OUT TO MANY
REPORTERS AND OTHERS PRESENT AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE
UNDOUBTEDLY ARE BEING CIRCULATED WIDELY, INCLUDING TO
VARIOUS RADICAL AND IRRESPONSIBLE ELEMENTS OF JAMAICAN
SOCIETY.

4. SEPTELS FOLLOW ON RELATED DEVELOPMENTS AND
SECURITY MEASURES BEING TAKEN.
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